

Whitehouse Tree Commission
Minutes of October 22, 2020

Present: Sheri Luedtke, Chairperson; Christine Manzey, Amy Schultz, Dianne Toffler, Elliot Tramer, Council Representative, Richard Bingham; Public Works Representative, Mark Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Sheri Luedtke at 7:00 P.M. The minutes from September 24th were approved as corrected. (moved by Chris Manzey, Seconded by Amy Schultz)

Old Business:

- A. Tree City USA and Growth Award were finalized. All requirements were met except a public Arbor Day. Because of COVID the rules were relaxed to eliminate a public tree planting. Mayor Atkinson wrote and read a Arbor Day Proclamation at a council meeting. After a discussion, it was decided that Whitehouse has enough projects points to apply for a Growth Award again this year.
- B. Elliot reported that he finished the reports for all the cemeteries we evaluated for the Cemetery Board. He still wants to work on the maps that go with the reports. Sheri Luedtke will attend the November Cemetery Board meeting and give the reports. The meeting will be on Monday, November 16th. at 6:00 in council chambers in Waterville. This cemetery project will be a growth award project.
- C. Quarry Invasives: It was decided to eliminate this project since Metroparks seems to have taken over this area.
- D. Tree inventory: Mark suggested we needed to come up with a replacement tree because we are not able to get the Sassafras tree from North Branch. Amy and Sheri will come up with a replacement tree.
- E. It was noted that April Cline will update the master plan when the tree commission has updated information.
- F. There was nothing under Forms and Docs.

New Business-

- A. A large silver maple at the North side of the log cabin is in decline. It has dropped several large branches and is considered for removal. Pictures of the tree were passed around all commissioners. A discussion of trimming verses removal was held. All risk factors were considered. There was a motion to have the tree removed. (Christine made the motion, Amy seconded it). Motion passed.
- B. A short discussion was held on the webinars that are put on by The Tree Fund. Several members have watched them and they are very informative.
- C. November 19th is the date of the next meeting because of Thanksgiving being on our regular meeting date.
- D. There was a motion to adjourn (Amy 1st, Elliot 2nd). Meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Toffler